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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as set forth below.

After paragraph [0008] on page 3 of the present application, please insert the following two (2) paragraphs:

-- In accordance with one embodiment of the invention, the invention provides a system for monitoring a utility substation comprising monitoring equipment operatively connected to the utility substation for monitoring operating conditions of the utility substation. The monitoring equipment is operatively connected to an application service provider through a first communication network. The application service provider is provided with at least one program to effect the monitoring. Further, the system includes one or more network interface devices operatively connected to the application service provider by a second communication network for receiving notification of operating conditions of the utility substation monitored by the monitoring equipment. In the system, at least one of the network interface devices is in the form of a computer system. For example, a laptop computer may be utilized. The network interface device is provided with a device program. The device program communicates with the application service provider. For example, the device program might be in the form of a NETSCAPE program.

In the system, the device program is substantially not uniquely adapted for the monitoring performed by the system. In other words, the device program might be in the form of standard off-the-shelf software, such as a browser, e.g., NETSCAPE or EXPLORER. Accordingly, the invention provides a substantial advantage in that persons who wish to perform the monitoring

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can do so from any computer that has Internet access, i.e., a computer that is not uniquely adapted for performing the monitoring. As can be appreciated, the arrangement allows utilization of the system without substantial development costs, in accordance with one aspect of the invention. --